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SUBJECT: W/W - JOHN J. SULLIVAN

1. DEPT. HAS RECEIVED THE REPORT OF FREDERICK T. ZUGIBE, PHD, M.D., F.A.C.C., P.C., ONE ANGELUS DRIVE, GARNERVILLE, NEW YORK 10923 TEL. 354-1333, REGARDING HIS EXAMINATION OF THE X-RAYS OF THE NUEVO CUSTCALN REMAINS. DR. ZUGIBE MADE HIS EXAMINATION AT THE REQUEST OF THE FAMILY OF JOHN J. SULLIVAN.

2. DR. ZUGIBE REPORT IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: I HAVE FULLY REVIEWED THE FULL SIZE X-RAYS OF THE KNEE IDENTIFIED AS 12-7-82, CLINICA FORENSE, SAN SALVADOR, 10 82, AND COMPARED THEM TO THE MICROFICHE RADIOGRAPHS OF THE LEFT KNEE NO. 469-483, BELONGING TO JOHN SULLIVAN, WHICH HAD BEEN TAKEN IN 1972. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WAS SOME DIFFICULTY OF COMPARISON SINCE THE MICROFICHE RADIOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN IN THE USUAL AP, LATERAL AND TUNNEL PROJECTIONS, WHILE THE FULL SIZE X-RAYS WERE PERFORMED IN OBLIQUE PROJECTIONS. A VERY SIGNIFICANT FEATURE, HOWEVER, IS THE STRIKING SIMILARITY OF THE GROWTH ARREST LINE N THE PROXIMAL TIBIAL METAPHYSIS BOTH IN SIZE AND SHAPE OF THE LINE--WHICH IS A VERY IMPORTANT IDENTIFYING FEATURE. IN ADDITION TO THISFINDING, IT IS IMPORTANTTO NOTE THAT NONE OF THE INDIVIDUAL MORPHOLOGICAL FEATURES OF THE ENTIRE KNEE JOINT OF BOTH SETS OF X-RAYS, ARE INCONSISTENT WITH EACH OTHER. THIS OBSERVATION ALONE CARRIES A HIGH PROBABILITY INDEX. THESE FINDINGS WERE ALSO CONFIRMED BY MY FORENSIC RADIOLOGIST. IT IS MY OPINION THAT THE ABOVE X-RAYS FEATURES ARE FROM THE SAME INDIVIDUAL AND I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT A REQUEST BE MADE TO HAVE THE REMAINS SENT TO ME FOR FURTHER STUDIES TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL X-RAYS OF THE KNEE, X-RAYS OF THE CERVICAL SPINE, ANTHROPOMORPHIC STUDIES, ETC. IF WE FIND THE RESULTS TO BE INCONCLUSIVE, I WILL HAVE THE REMAINS RETURNED DIRECTLY THEREAFTER. SINCERELY YOURS, FREDERICK T. ZUGIBE UNQUOTE.

3. DR. ZUGIBE IS THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER OF ROCKLAND COUNTY, NEW YORK AND ALSO AN ADJUNCT ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PATHOLOGY OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

4. IN VIEW OF DR. ZUGIBE'S FINDINGS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS WERE CONFIRMED INDEPENDENTLY BY A SECOND SPECIALIST, THE SULLIVAN FAMILY HAS REQUESTED THE DEPT'S AND EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR THE REMAINS EXHUMED AT NUEVO CUSCATLAN TO BE SHIPPED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION BY DR. ZUGIBE. DEPT UNDERSTANDS ALL BONES ASSOCIATED WITH THESE REMAINS HAVE POTENTIAL IMPORTANCE IN IDENTIFICATION AND SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

5. JOHN SULLIVAN'S FAMILY ARE NOT WEALTHY AND WILL HAVE PROBLEMS COVERING THE EXPENSE OF EXHUMATION AND SHIPMENT OF BODY TO U.S.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON HOW THESE COSTS MIGHT BE COVERED. FAMILY, OF COURSE, WOULD BE VERY APPRECIATIVE IF GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY ANY OR ALL OF THESE COSTS. THEREFORE, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASKING GOS IF IT WOULD BE WILLING TO BEAR COSTS OF SHIPPING BODY TO U.S. FOR DEFINITIVE MEDICAL EXAMINATION IN U.S. FACILITIES. FYI. WE UNDERSTAND CONGRESSWOMAN ROUKEMA WILL WRITE TO SALVADORAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. TO ASK FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE FULL EMBASSY ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF SHIPMENT ASAP. WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO GET BODY TO U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN ROUKEMA HAS ALREADY SENT LETTERS ASKING FOR EARLY ACTION TO SECRETARY SCHULTZ AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ASENCIO. WE ALSO ASSUME CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESS INTEREST IN THIS CASE WILL CONTINUE TO BE HIGH. DAM

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